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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST

REF: A. STATE 14974 B. STATE 14975 C. DAMASCUS 484

1. FOR DAMASCUS: PLEASE CONVEY TO KHADDAM THAT WE APPRECIATE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS WHICH SARG HAS WITH SECRETARY VISITING DAMASCUS FEBRUARY 19 AS PROPOSED REFTEL B. ITINERARY FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT FOR PERIOD BEFORE FEBRUARY 17 IS FIRM AND WE ARE THEREFORE UNABLE TO CHANGE IT. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE SYRIAN WISHES, WE PROPOSE TO SWITCH ORDER OF DAMASCUS AND RIYADH STOPS IF THIS IS ALSO AGREEABLE TO SAUDIS. THIS WOULD MEAN ARRIVING IN DAMASCUS ANYTIME AFTERNOON OR EVENING OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, CONVENIENT TO SARG AND DEPARTING MID-DAY OR EARLY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 21 FOR WASHINGTON. ARRIVAL TIME FEBRUARY

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20 COULD BE ADJUSTED TO MEET SYRIAN CONCERNS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, SECRETARY COULD FLY FROM RIYADH TO DAMASCUS EARLY MONDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 21. THIS WOULD SHORTEN STAY IN DAMASCUS HOWEVER, SINCE DUE TO COMMITMENTS IN WASHINGTON, SECRETARY MUST RETURN TO US BY EVENING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21.

2. FOR JIDDA: DAMASCUS REFTEL, BEING REPEATED TO YOU, REPORTS THAT SYRIANS UNABLE TO RECEIVE SECRETARY ON FEBRUARY 19, AS WE HAD PROPOSED. PLEASE APPROACH SAUDIS URGENTLY TO SEE IF, PROVIDING THIS SWITCH CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH SYRIANS, THEY ARE AGREEABLE TO SECRETARY ARRIVING IN RIYADH MID-AFTERNOON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, INSTEAD OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 (REFTEL A). SECRETARY WOULD THEN DEPART AFTERNOON THE NEXT DAY FOR DAMASCUS, OR POSSIBLY EARLY MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21.
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